

vation of all around him. If we could have hosts of young men of to day filled with such zeal the church of Jesus Christ would put on new life and we would not hear the lamentation of her departed power and glory. While our visit was not blessed with any visible results we hope seed was sown that may bring forth some fruits. The weather was extremely warm and the people unusually busy, unfavorable for a series of meetings. Everything is promising, plenty seemingly has crowned the hand of industry and most of the people are comparatively satisfied. Oklahoma, especially this part of it, is inviting to the man of limited means, lands are not so high, timber is plentiful, water better than in any other part of country previously visited. The few brethren in the territory are very anxious that brethren coming to the country would visit them and if possible locate with them, and thus add inducements for building up the cause of the church in their communities. A large field, abundant opportunities are offered and a people as susceptible to religious influence as found any where in the west. "The fields are ripe unto the harvest, pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth more laborers into the harvest."

A. J. HIXSON.

Doings for the Lord at Hudson, Ia.

Some time has elapsed since I last reported from this place, but the interim has been very busy days to me. The cares incident to moving, the work of sermon getting and duties of the church have indeed filled the time very full, but of course you want to know where we are at, so to the point.

The church at this place has been quietly working to be self supporting and independent. Last year they erected a fine church and this year they are going to pay the pastor sufficient to support him, so concluded to live among them this year.

About the first of May we prepared to move and when we were comfortably located among them they gave us a reception that was a grand success. Their presence and words of cheer, besides the substantial tokens of appreciation greatly encouraged us. It is indeed a pleasure to know that after a pastorate of almost ten years your presence and work is appreciated among the people. Of course I do not pretend to please every one; the Lord himself did not because there are some whose hearts are evil and to please them would be to not hear him, but the Christian, the consecrated, the Lord's own, their good will is precious indeed to me.

The work has been upward in every way, the Sunday-school is largely attended, the Christian Endeavor, both senior and junior, is doing grand work. Each one is doing his part to lift the Lord's work up in the community. Children's day exercises was very pleasantly observed and was a good work well done. A cloud came over us when we were compelled to lay away our sister, Rebecca A. Cain. She was so faithful and had served her Lord so long and well that when her time came to depart we did not like to say good-bye, but He knew best and took her. Her closing hours were moments of triumph, of faith, and surrounded by her children and friends she fell asleep to come with her Lord at that day.

Brother Martin Deitz, of Los Angeles, Cal., was home during his mother's last illness and gave us some very helpful talks. His unbounded faith in our Lord and deep personal experience greatly encouraged the brethren here. We hope he may again come among us to strengthen our faith in our Savior.

Our communion service passed off very pleasantly and was largely attended, considering the season. We greatly appreciated the presence of Brother Gillin and the brethren from Enon, who were over and participated with us. The Lord was among us that night. We had with us a few days and for two meetings only, our esteemed Sister Detwiler, who greatly aided the sisters in their work and helped them in perfecting their society.

Yesterday was a red letter day among us in this village. Twelve young men of the Waterloo Y. M. C. A. came to conduct services in different churches of the town. In the afternoon there were a meeting for men only in which there was a hundred men

present and we had a grand rally for the right. In the evening we held a mass meeting of all the churches. The Y. M. C. A. work in all its phases was explained and its importance in every community emphasized, besides many words of cheer and hope were spoken in the Lord. Will give my views on this subject in a later paper.

May God's blessing rest upon all who love his appearing. Pray for us that we may have his presence in the work at this place. E. L. HILDEBRAND.

From Falls City, Neb.

Items of interest have been accumulating here for some weeks past and I hasten to discharge my responsibility to the editor and the brotherhood by distributing them thru the columns of the EVANGELIST.

June 3rd we should have observed as Ashland College day but owing to a previously arranged general interchange of pulpits in our town in the interests of temperance, arranged under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, we had to postpone it. June 10th we celebrated our semi-annual love feast which was indeed a very precious season, one of the most enjoyable we have ever had. About sixty-five or seventy communed. While this is not quite as many as communed at our last feast, yet there were some at the tables this time who were not there at the last; and as we know the reasons for the absence of some at this time we think altogether the spiritual tone of the church (from this standpoint) is equal, if not beyond, that of last year. Brother John Burnworth, in charge at Pony Creek, Kansas, was with us and added much to the interest and helpfulness of the meeting and the writer greatly appreciated his help at the tables.

June 17th we celebrated as Ashland College day and I do not think the cause suffered from the postponement as it gave the matter more advertisement as I had kept it constantly before the people and it gave me a better chance for preparation. At the close of the evening sermon one of the brethren said, "Well you rubbed us pretty hard." The result that evening was \$650. pledged, but as some one intimated we ought to make it \$1000, I "caught on" and kept it before them on the next Sunday. Meanwhile I wrote to Brother Miller for some more pledges and told him of the result. He replied saying it was the best yet reported. This but encouraged us as I read it from the pulpit the next Sunday. So I am happy to say we made it \$1000. I cannot too highly commend my people as this is the second time this year we have made the best record in general collections for our national interests, the other occasion being the general collection in the interest of the National Mission Board. Pardon us brethren if this seems "fuss and feathers" but we do it that we might "provoke others unto good works." Our work is moving nicely, congregations exceptionally good for warm weather. We will close our work here this fall. J. ELLWOOD BRAKER.

Mexico, Ind.

I thought perhaps some of you would like to hear what we are doing here at this place. I will therefore let you know thru our dear EVANGELIST. Saturday evening, June 30, we held our quarterly meeting, had a good attendance, quite an amount of business came before the church which was pleasantly and satisfactorily disposed of.

Our Chicago mission was discussed. In regard to donations, how to send and how often we were going to donate. Several of the brethren made strong talks in favor of the missions and Brother Talley urging a stronger support from here. Concluded to send donations in cash instead of boxing up goods, eatables, etc., as heretofore, thinking perhaps the mission people might receive several boxes all containing the same as to eatables in which case the same kind of diet might become a little monotonous. On the following Sunday, being like sheep without a shepherd, and being our regular preaching day the deficiency was made up by a sufficiency. Having with us on the occasion Rev's. Lutey and Krauss of the M. E. church present, both zealous young ministers, also Rev. Vance, of this place, pastor of the Christian

church just south of here. The sermon by Rev. Lutey was highly appreciated as was also the opening prayer by Rev. Vance which was earnest and to the point. In the evening we had a union Y. P. C. E. of the Baptist, M. E. & Brethren Societies Meeting held in M. E. church. Led by Sister L. B. Skinner. The topic "When is a nation safe", was ably discussed by those present. It was conclusively shown by discussions and scriptural references that nations are safe only when they trust in the Lord, the ungodly, unchristian nations have fallen. Preaching service followed conducted by Rev's. Lutey and Krauss. Rev. Krauss gave an able address on "Choosing" text found in Gen. 13 using almost the entire chapter. Truly it was a blessed union service day thru out, binding by mutual ties the hearts of all Christians present kindling a flame of love for all humanity in many a heart. Sunday, July 15 after Sunday-school, in the absence of a minister, brother P. M. Fisher conducted a prayer and praise meeting reading the thirteenth Psalm, using the fifth verse as a basis to talk from. "But I have trusted in thy mercy, my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation," from which he gave an earnest, impressive and good for all talk.

Dear Brother Bauman amid the turmoils and cares of this life and our regrets occasioned by losing, our pastor we still have time to occasionally think of you in your new field wishing you success even beyond your "air castle" anticipations. May they prove indeed not air castles but mighty castles of strength that will withstand the tempests shock, built on that rock, that sure foundation. We even remember you and forget not to hold you up to the throne of Grace at our weekly prayer meetings. May God ever guide and keep us all 'neath the shadow of his wing.

EMMA KINZIE.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Some time has elapsed since I have contributed to your worthy columns, but since coming home from state conference I have been very busy. We are keeping up the regular services, preaching morning and evening, yet the attendance is not as good as formerly, due perhaps to the warm weather, we would be pleased to see that kind of Christianity that heat nor cold would not effect. If heat and cold had the same effect on our secular matters that it has on our religious work I believe that we would be forced into bankruptcy, but let us remember that the Lord will demand a strict account of us. I received an invitation from brother I. Ross in behalf of the Fairview church, to visit them on June the 18, and remain over until the 20th. All preparations were made for wife and myself to go and about an hour before we would have started for the depot I received a telegram stating that my father, who resided near Muncie, Ind., was dead and that they would arrive in Washington C. H., O., on the evening of the 18th, so my wife remained at home and I went to Dayton there met the family with the remains, we arrived in Washington late in the evening. The burial took place the next day in the family lot in the cemetery of Washington C. H., Fayette Co., Ohio, so you see that the pleasure trip as was intended was soon changed into one of deep sorrow and sadness. After the burial I was conveyed to the Fairview church where I met and enjoyed the communion services. Here I met the brethren and sisters whom I had not seen for four years. This privilege was highly appreciated as this is my old home church, here is where I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus Christ when a mere boy, here is where I was called to the ministry. Many were the thoughts that filled my mind while visiting my old home church. Many whom I used to meet and worship with are not there, some have crossed over the river of time, while some have moved to other localities. Here Brother J. M. Tombaugh, my old pastor, served so long and faithful. He too is located elsewhere and Brother Ross is their pastor holding forth the word. And I here wish to thank both pastor and people for their very kind invitation and their generosity shown towards me while there, hoping that myself and wife may get to visit them sometime in the future. M. S. WHITE.